COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PUBLIC HEARING) FEBRUARY 10, 2009

2. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.08,070 MOEZ AND ZEENAT WALJI WARD #4

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Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT the Public Hearing report for File Z.08.070 (Moez and Zeenat Walji) BE RECEIVED; and, that any issues identified be addressed by the Development Planning Department in a comprehensive report to the Committee of the Whole.

Economic Impact

This will be addressed when the technical report is completed.

Communications Plan

On January 16, 2009, a Notice of a Public Meeting was circulated to all property owners within 120m of the subject lands. As of January 28, 2009, no written comments have been received by the Development Planning Department. Any responses received will be addressed in the technical review and included in a comprehensive report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Purpose

The Owner has submitted an application to amend the Zoning By-law, specifically By-law 1-88, on the subject lands shown on Attachment #1, to permit the additional use of a veterinary clinic (with accessory pet grooming) within Units #6 and #7 (approximately 325m²) on lands zoned EM1 Prestige Employment Area Zone, as shown on Attachment #2. The EM1 Prestige Employment Area Zone does not permit a veterinary clinic use.

Background - Analysis and Options

The subject lands shown on Attachment #1 are located east of Keele Street at the northwest corner of Steeles Avenue West and Tandem Road, municipally known as 2150 Steeles Avenue West, in Part of Lot 1, Concession 3, Ward 4, City of Vaughan. The subject lands are part of York Region Condominium Corporation No. 554.

The subject lands are designated "Prestige Area" by OPA #450 (City Employment Area Plan), which permits a range of uses which require high visual exposure, good accessibility and an attractive working environment. The proposed veterinary clinic use conforms to the policies of the Official Plan.

The subject lands are zoned EM1 Prestige Employment Area Zone by By-law 1-88. The proposal to permit a veterinary clinic use on the subject lands within the EM1 Zone would require an amendment to By-law 1-88.

The surrounding land uses are shown on Attachment #1.

Preliminary Review

Following a preliminary review of the application, the Development Planning Department has identified the following matters to be reviewed in greater detail:

- i) the application will be reviewed in the context of the policies contained within OPA #450 (Employment Area Plan), Zoning By-law 1-88, the surrounding area context and other uses within the existing multi-unit building, to determine the appropriateness of permitting a veterinary clinic use on the subject lands within the EM1 Prestige Employment Area Zone;
- ii) review will be given to ensure that the proposed veterinary clinic operates entirely within the existing building in accordance with the requirements of the EM1 Zone, which does not permit outside activity or outside storage to occur;
- review will be given to determine if consultant studies are required to be submitted in support of the proposal, and may include but not be limited to, traffic, parking, and noise reports.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

The applicability of this application to the Vaughan Vision will be determined when the technical report is considered.

Regional Implications

The Region of York has indicated that they have no comments or objections to the proposed veterinary clinic use on the subject lands, as the appropriateness of the use will be determined by the City.

Conclusion

The above issues, but not limited to, will be considered in the technical review of the application, together with comments from the public and Council expressed at the Public Meeting or in writing, and be addressed in a comprehensive report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting. In particular, the proposal will be reviewed in the context of the applicable Official Plan policies, the requirements of By-law 1-88, the appropriateness of the proposed veterinary clinic use, and compatibility with adjacent land uses and other uses within the existing multi-unit building.

Attachments

- Location Map
- 2. Site Plan

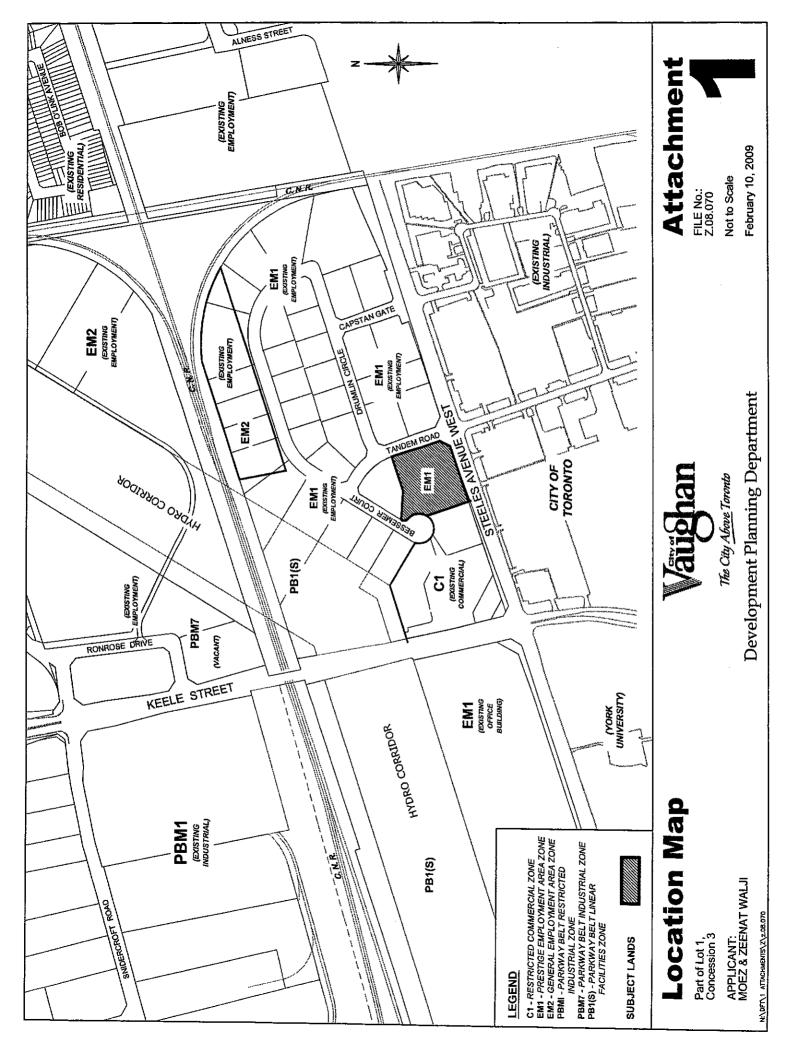
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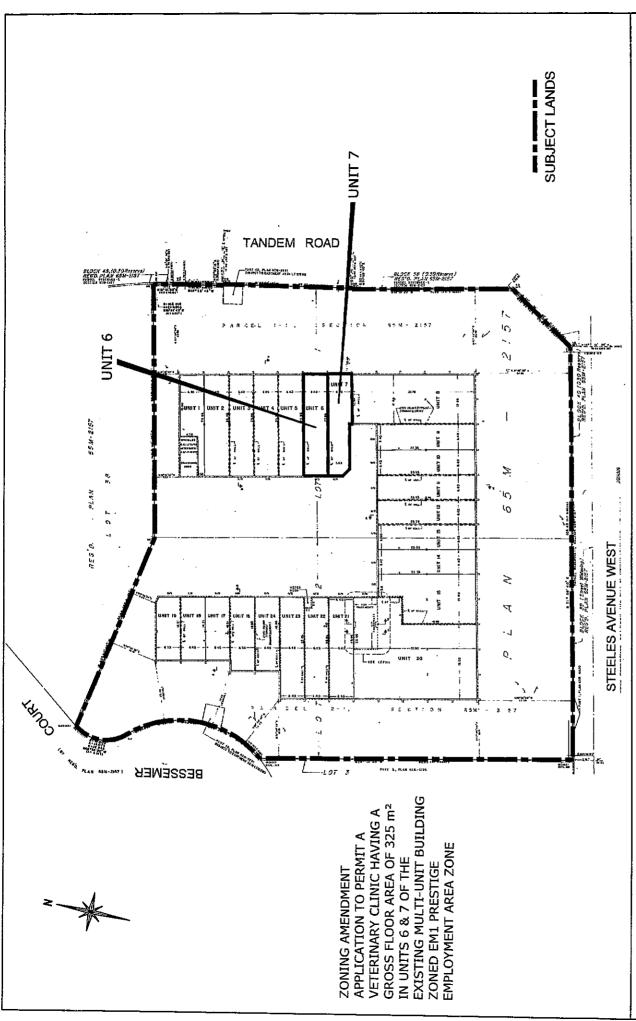
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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

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APPLICANT: MOEZ & ZEENAT WALJI

Site Plan

Part of Lot 1, Concession 3